

# A Week of the War

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(Summary of information on the important developments of the week made available by official sources through 5 p. m. Monday, April 6.)

War Production Director Nelson, speaking in New York City, said "America's industrial plant is really beginning to roll." He said airplane production schedules for the first three months of this year have been met or exceeded, and production of tanks is ahead of schedule.

Mr. Nelson said production of merchant ships is "rising rapidly" and this year's schedule should be met. A Garand rifle is now available for "every one of our combat soldiers who is supposed to have one," he said. Production schedules for anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns also are being met. However, "This is no time for easy optimism," he stated, because the production of war goods is so huge a job "we can break every record we ever made and still fall short of the need."

The Senate passed and sent to the House legislation to set up a \$100 million smaller War Plants corporation under the War Production board. The corporation would obtain contracts from government procurement agencies and reaward them to small enterprises, breaking the orders into subcontracts where necessary.

### Civilian Supply

The WPB ruled persons buying toothpaste or shaving cream in tubes must turn in to the retailers some kind of tin or tin-coated tube for each new one purchased. The board froze sales and deliveries of all new bicycles for adults, including those already ordered and paid for. Red Cross local chapters began collection of the extra cloth made available by the elimination of cuffs from approximately 50 million pairs of trousers now on hand in stores. The salvage clip will make about 300,000 new suits.

The board ordered production of cover caps to timplate or terneplate, used as closures for catsup, jelly, etc., stopped immediately, and of crown caps for bottled beer and soft drinks stopped April 30. Production of fluorescent lighting fixtures was also ordered ended immediately; of vacuum cleaners, April 30; and toys and games made of metal, plastic and other essential materials, June 30. The board curtailed use of crude rubber and latex in 50 articles, including fire and mill hose, storage batteries, etc.

### Priority Order Compliance

The WPB reported investigations of 14,000 firms for compliance with priority orders have been undertaken since last June. Reports have been completed on 3,500 firms, the board said, and of these 1,600 showed no violations while approximately the same number reported minor violations through misunderstandings. The reports resulted in 35 suspension orders, affecting 46 firms and one individual. Thirteen fed-

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## Tuesday Last Day For Registration

To accommodate last minute registrants the county clerk's office will be open continuously from 8 o'clock a. m. to 8 o'clock p. m. next Tuesday, April 14, the last day for registering for the May 15 primary nominating election, announces C. W. Barlow, county clerk.

Throughout the state thousands of voters have been taken off the lists because they have changed their place of residence since the last election and failed to re-register. There are thousands of others, newcomers to Oregon now employed in her shipyards, her mills, her factories, on her farms who have been here six months or more, and are entitled to vote.

To vote in the primary in May, registration must be effected before April 14.

### TAKES GOVERNMENT WORK

W. N. Vail, local contractor for the last year and a half, has bid in a construction job in connection with government construction at Walla Walla and is leaving in the morning with his family. He is also connected with two other construction contracts, taken by Hartung and Hanson of Seattle, one at Plainsfield and one at Seattle.

## Morrow In Lead In Per Capita Sales Of Series 'E' Bonds

### July to January Compilation Shows Average of \$31.84

Morrow county leads the state in the sale of Series "E" defense savings bonds, with per capita sale of \$31.84 against the state average of \$16.06, announced George H. Godfrey, deputy state administrator of the Oregon Defense Saving council.

Godfrey's compilation, from July 1941 to January 1942, showed that Morrow county's population had purchased a total of \$138,088 of the series "E" bonds in the six month period. In January purchases in this county totalled \$43,433 for a per capita average of \$2.10. The state total for January was \$6,677,833, for a per capita average of \$6.13.

Morrow county lagged in the pledge card signing for continued purchase of the bonds, Godfrey said, acknowledging the difficulty of those on the farm ascertaining just what their income for the year may be. He did compliment this county for its good record, however, and looked for continued good support here of the important war financing program.

Helping eastern Oregon to take the limelight in bond purchases were Sherman county, in second place, with per capita sales of \$28.40; Wasco, third, \$22.83, which barely led Multnomah, in fourth place, with \$22.81, for the sixth month.

In commenting upon the pledge campaign, P. W. Mahoney, county defense savings chairman, pointed out that the drive came at a time when country roads were next to impassable, making solicitation very difficult. He urged the importance of more bond and stamp buying by those with smaller incomes as a buffer against depression days which will inevitably follow the war. Once the regular saving habit is established, he said, it will be a dime or a quarter a day, the saver will find real joy in the sum that will be accumulated in a short time, he said.

## 3RD DRAFT QUIZ SHEETS ISSUED

Morrow county local board will today mail questionnaires to all registrants of the third selective service registration, announces Judge Bert Johnson, board chairman.

The questionnaires will go to men holding order numbers 10,001 to 10,272 inclusive. This group includes a late registrant, Order No. 10,153-A.

Registrants will be allowed ten days in which to complete the questionnaires and return them to the office of the local board. They will, upon request, be assisted in filling out their questionnaires by the following men: J. J. Nys, government appeal agent; P. W. Mahoney, associate government appeal agent; J. O. Turner, advisory board member.

The questionnaires being mailed today are the regular selective service questionnaires, the same as were sent registrants in the first two registrations. In a short time, a second, "occupational" questionnaire will be mailed all registrants in the third draft, Judge Johnson said.

### APRIL TIRE QUOTA GIVEN

Morrow county's tire quota for April includes 8 passenger car tires and 56 tubes; 107 recaps for passenger cars; 31 truck tires, 30 recaps and 30 tubes. The quota is meted out one-fourth each week, and demand so far is ahead of supply, announces Alva W. Jones, chairman of the rationing board.

Joe Aiken, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Aiken, is visiting his parents.

## Wheat Price Support Depends On Quotas

Continuance of a federal price support program for wheat depends entirely on marketing quotas receding at least a two-thirds favorable vote at the referendum May 2, Henry Baker, chairman of the county AAA committee, reminds Morrow county wheat growers.

The existence of other price support programs and the recent enactment of the price control law has resulted in the false impression in some circles that a price support program will be continued for wheat regardless of the outcome of the quota referendum, the chairman said.

No existing legislation provides for any form of support to wheat prices except loans, and the law specifically provides that if quotas are rejected, the loan program cannot be continued, Baker declared.

Under the Steagall amendment, prices are supported at 85 percent of parity for those commodities for which increased production is needed in the Food for Freedom program, the chairman explained, adding that wheat is certainly not one of those commodities. The price

control law, the chairman added, is strictly a price ceiling measure, and does not provide any form of support to the price of wheat or any other commodity.

What will happen to wheat prices in event quotas fail and the loan is withdrawn is anyone's guess, Mr. Baker believes. "When you consider that the United States has a surplus of 700 million bushels, and Canadian and Argentine wheat farmers are getting around 50 cents a bushel, it's not difficult to determine which way U. S. wheat prices will go," he added.

A meeting of the county and community AAA committeemen will be held in the county agent's office on Friday, April 10, at 9:30 a. m. to discuss the wheat quota referendum and make plans for informing all farmers in the county of this referendum, the 1942 farm program will be reviewed and recommendations for the 1943 program made. Clyde L. Kiddle of the state AAA office, Chas. W. Smith, assistant county agent leader, and E. H. Miller, one of our Morrow county farmers, will be present at the meeting to assist with the discussion.

## Red Cross Organized With New Officers

A complete Red Cross organization for Morrow county was formed at a meeting Friday night at the city hall under the supervision of Mrs. Margaret Bermejo of Portland, field representative for Oregon for the American Red Cross. Rose Leibbrand was elected county chairman; Mrs. Frances Stewart, vice chairman; Florence Bergstrom, secretary and Jack Van Winkle, re-elected treasurer. Miss Leibbrand replaces James Driscoll as county chairman.

Chairmen for the various units of the Morrow county chapter are Jesse Turner, disaster chairman; Mrs. Harry Tamblin, production; Mrs. Clara Gertson, home service; Clifford Conrad, canteen and nutrition; Dr. A. D. McMurdo, medical aid and Mrs. Irene Wilson, publicity. Harold Buhman will retain the water safety chairmanship until August. Mrs. Alfred Houghton is general chairman of the Boardman unit and Mrs. Carl Haddox is in charge of emergency closets in that area. Mrs. Macomber is general chairman in the Irrigon district and Mrs. Fortier, emergency closet chairman. Organization of Red Cross units in other outlying areas will be completed as soon as possible.

Auditing of the county Red Cross books will be done immediately by Mrs. James Thomson, Jr., and Virginia Humphrey, according to Miss Leibbrand.

Jesse Turner, disaster chairman, is forming a complete committee to be ready in case of disaster. One of the four state Red Cross warehouses is located in Pendleton and will be accessible to this area in case of disaster.

Frances Stewart is slated to give a course in canteen aid as soon as authorization is completed.

Mrs. Bermejo, Mrs. Tamblin and Miss Leibbrand spent Saturday in Boardman and Irrigon organizing Red Cross units.

## Hoke, Holt to Address Wool Organizations

Mac Hoke, president, and Walter Holt, secretary, Oregon Woolgrowers association will be the leading speakers before a joint dinner meeting of Morrow County Wool Growers and auxiliary at the Episcopal parish house at 6:30 o'clock next Monday evening.

All members of the local organizations are urged to attend as matters of prime importance to the industry will be up for discussion, it was announced. Among problems to be discussed was expected to be the current shearing problem.

## FIRE WARDENS TO COMPLETE UNIT

Fire wardens and assistant fire wardens of the recently organized fire control districts throughout Morrow county will meet in the county agent's office at 1:00 p. m., Wednesday, April 15, to complete the organization of the county for fire patrol, to draw up fire prevention regulations and to discuss fire control measures.

Lyman Tibbles, county fire warden for the Civilian Defense council; Fred Wehmeyer of the forest service, and Arthur King, extension soils man from the college are now working with county organizations on fire control, will assist the wardens in completing the organization.

Because of the importance of the rural telephone line to any rural fire control program, it is hoped that a representative of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will be able to attend this meeting.

There has been much time, gasoline and tires wasted in previous years by everyone running to grass and wheat fires throughout the county and with a shortage of these items this year, a better coordinated and organized fire control program should prove advantageous.

## May Day Music Fete Plans Under Way

Morrow county's annual all-school music fete and field day has been set for Friday, May 1, in Heppner, announces Mrs. Lucy E. Rodgers, county school superintendent.

The grade school athletic field meet is set for the morning, and the music festival preceded by Maypole winding in the afternoon.

Lyle Eddy of Irrigon is in charge of the field meet, and Juanita Carmichael of Lexington is head of the festival committee which includes Rose Hoosier, Heppner; Rachel Dick, Ione; Mrs. Maude Kobow, Boardman; Winston Bunnell and Ila Mae Starr of Irrigon.

### ON HONOR ROLL

Oregon College of Education, Monmouth, April 8.—Katherine Griffith Lindstrom, senior at the Oregon College of Education, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Griffith of Morgan, has earned a place on the second honor roll for the winter term by carrying a load of fifteen term hours and making a grade point average of 3.0 or B. Those students earning places on the first honor roll are required to carry a load of fifteen term hours for which a grade point average of 3.5 or better is earned.

## Blankenship Gives Up Post To Accept Columbia U. Offer

### Seven-Year Service With Schools Ends to Take Scholarship

Coming out of a clear sky this week was the tendered resignation of Alden H. Blankenship, city school superintendent, who had one year yet to serve under a two year contract given by the board last year.

His release is being asked at this time, effective with the close of the present school term, to accept a scholarship from Columbia university, New York. His letter of transmittal states:

"I hereby submit my resignation from the position as superintendent of the Heppner schools to which I have been elected for the coming year so that I can accept a scholarship to Columbia university.

"My seven years' association with the Heppner schools have been thoroughly enjoyed. The many friends whom Mrs. Blankenship and I have made in Heppner and Morrow county will always hold a particularly warm spot in our hearts. So my pleasure at being able to realize an ambition of long standing of doing graduate work at Columbia university will be tinged with mingled regrets at leaving all of our fine Morrow county friends.

"Your trust and confidence in me have been sincerely appreciated. I in turn have kept as my major objective working for the best educational interests of all the young people of Heppner and the surrounding area served by our schools."

The letter was written to the board Monday. That evening Mr. Blankenship was in attendance at a meeting of the Inland Empire Teachers association.

In his regime as head of the local schools, Mr. Blankenship has maintained the high standards for which the school has been noted, and has engineered many improvements. He and Mrs. Blankenship have taken active interest in community affairs generally, and they will be greatly missed by the community, which extends congratulations for the recognition given by Columbia university.

No announcement of a successor has so far been made by the board.

## Chamber Endorses Tax-Saving Program

Heppner chamber of commerce went on record at its regular meeting Tuesday evening as favoring the objectives of the Citizens' League for War-Time Tax Saving—that of focusing attention on the necessity of greatest possible economy in preparing 1942-43 local property tax budgets by eliminating every dollar of expenditure for wasteful or non-essential public purposes.

The resolution also pronounced it the duty of every taxpayer in Oregon to buy United States defense bonds and to pay federal war taxes promptly.

A committee to assist in war time defense measures was named, including K. A. House, Mel Serle and George Howard.

President P. W. Mahoney explained the new defense bonds soon to be offered to the public, and announced that Morrow county was now in the lead of all Oregon counties in per capita purchase of the series "E" bonds, the per capita average of \$31.84 being double that of other counties in Oregon.

A church meeting with speaker was recommended for the next regular meeting.

B. C. Pinckney explained a credit exchange for Heppner and offered his free services for three months in starting it. An investigation will be made.

Word has been received by his parents that Bill Barratt has been elected president of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, at Oregon State.